

TITLE: Additional tank for geothermal system

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

Field of the invention:

More particularly, the present invention relates to an additional tank that is mounted to an existing geothermal system for eliminating air into the pipes.

Description of the related art:

A search of prior art records has unveiled the following patents:

1. CA 2,253,764 issued in 1998 to Deflandre;
2. US 5,729,992 issued in 1998 to Lambert;
3. US 6,112,833 issued in 2000 to Lambert;
4. US 6,347,748 issued in 2002 to Lyons;
5. US 6,051,141 issued in 2000 to Forbes;
6. US 5,816,314 issued in 1998 to Wiggs;
7. US 5,758,514 issued in 1998 to Gallatin;
8. US 5,634,515 issued in 1997 to Lambert;
9. US 5,623,986 issued in 1997 to Wiggs;
10. US 5,515,679 issued in 1996 to Shulman;
11. US 5,484,231 issued in 1996 to Cannan; and

12. US 5,483, 797 issued in 1996 to Bronicki.

Summary of the invention:

The present invention relates to an additional tank that is mounted to an existing geothermal system for eliminating air into the pipes, preventing the damage into the pipes, ensuring a fluid without air and increasing the efficiency of the geothermal system.

When the geothermal system is started, a pump in shutoff circuit enables the fluid having 75 % of water and 25 % of methanol to circulate between a geothermal thermopump and a geothermal sensor into the ground.

The fluid entrance is located in middle of the tank connected by a tee to a connecting pipe of each side and to a shutoff valve connected to a purging and filling valve joined to an adapter that is connected to a pipe of the geothermal system.

Moreover, the purging and filling valves enable to eliminate air and do the filling into the geothermal system by means of an external pump that is connected to the geothermal system.

The fluid exit is located in bottom of the tank connected to a elbow connected to an optional pump joined to a connecting piece that is

connected to a shutoff valve and to an adapter joined to a pipe of the geothermal system.

Seeing that the diameter is taller than its entering, that allows to decrease the fluid speed and separate air from fluid in directing air towards the top of the tank and the fluid towards the bottom of the tank.

A pipe having an upper transparent portion is connected by a tee to each end of the tank to visualize in all time the state of the system, and the valves are connected to the pipe for adding fluid if necessary or eliminating air.

Finally, the tank may be installed to the geothermal system without use the optional pump enabling to do again circulate the fluid coming from the tank inside the pipes of the geothermal system.

Brief description of the several views of the drawing(s):

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a the installation of the additional tank for elimiminating air into the pipes;

Figure 2 is a front view of the installation of the tank showing the direction of the fluid inside the tank, and which is directed by an optional pump throughout the pipes of the geothermal system;

Figure 3 is a front view of the installation of the tank showing the direction

of the fluid inside the tank, and which is directed by an optional pump throughout the pipes and geothermal system; and

Figure 4 is an exploded view of the figure 1.

Detailed description of the invention:

Referring to the figs. 1 to 4, it may be seen that an additional tank (1) of the present invention enables to eliminate air into the pipes of the geothermal system, prevent the damage into the pipes, ensure a fluid without air and increase the efficiency of the geothermal system.

When the geothermal system is started, a pump in shutoff circuit enables the fluid having 75 % of water and 25 % of methanol to circulate between a geothermal thermopump and a geothermal sensor into the ground.

The fluid entrance is located in middle of the tank (1) connected by a tee (8) to a connecting pipe (11) of each side and to a shutoff valve (7) connected to a purging and filling valve (6) joined to an adapter (10) that is connected to a pipe of the geothermal system.

Moreover, the purging and filling valves (6) enable to eliminate air and do the filling into the geothermal system by means of an external pump that is connected to the geothermal system.

The fluid exit is located in bottom of the tank (1) connected to a elbow (13) connected to an optional pump (2) joined to a connecting piece (14) that is connected to a shutoff valve (3) and to an adapter (10) joined to a pipe of the geothermal system.

Seeing that the diameter of the tank (1) is taller than its entering, that allows to decrease the fluid speed and separate air from fluid in directing air towards the top of the tank and the fluid towards the bottom of the tank.

A pipe (9) having an upper transparent portion is connected by a tee (12) to each end of the tank (1) to visualize in all time the state of the system, and each valve (4)(5) are connected to the pipe (9) for adding fluid if necessary or eliminating air.

Finally, the tank (1) may be installed to the geothermal system without use the optional pump (2) enabling to do again circulate the fluid coming from the tank inside the pipes of the geothermal system.

Legend:

1 = tank

2 = pump

3 = shutoff valve

4 = valve

5 = valve

6 = purging and filling valve

7 = shutoff valve

8 = tee

9 = pipe

10 = adapter

11 = connecting pipe

12 = tee

13 = elbow

14 = connecting piece

15 = geothermal thermopump

Although only a single embodiment of the present invention has been described and illustrated, the present invention is not limited to the features of this embodiment, but includes all variations and modifications within the scope of claims.